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## FEMA Region 6 Weather Threat Briefing

Thursday, March 05, 2015

Issued: 0800 CT

**Day 1 Hazards:** *Lingering hazardous travel impacts from winter weather across AR and parts of TX, northern/central LA*

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# Key Points



## Today - Friday

- **Wintry precipitation moving out of AR/LA this morning but travel impacts will still linger across AR and parts of TX into North/Central LA through at least this morning**
  - Continued hazardous travel possible in all areas, but in particular hazardous travel will be likely over AR into the Arklatex, northcentral TX/northern LA where heaviest wintry precipitation has fallen
  - Mostly sunny skies and temperatures above freezing by Thursday afternoon will result in efficient melting this afternoon most areas except AR
- **Cold temperatures Friday morning may continue any travel impacts from wintry precipitation that fell, particularly over AR**

## Saturday – Monday

- **No Significant Weather Impacts**
- **Increased chances for rain along the TX/LA coasts Sunday/Monday but severe weather/flooding is not expected**

# \*FEMA Region 6 Threat Matrix

Mar 5, 2015 - Mar 9, 2015

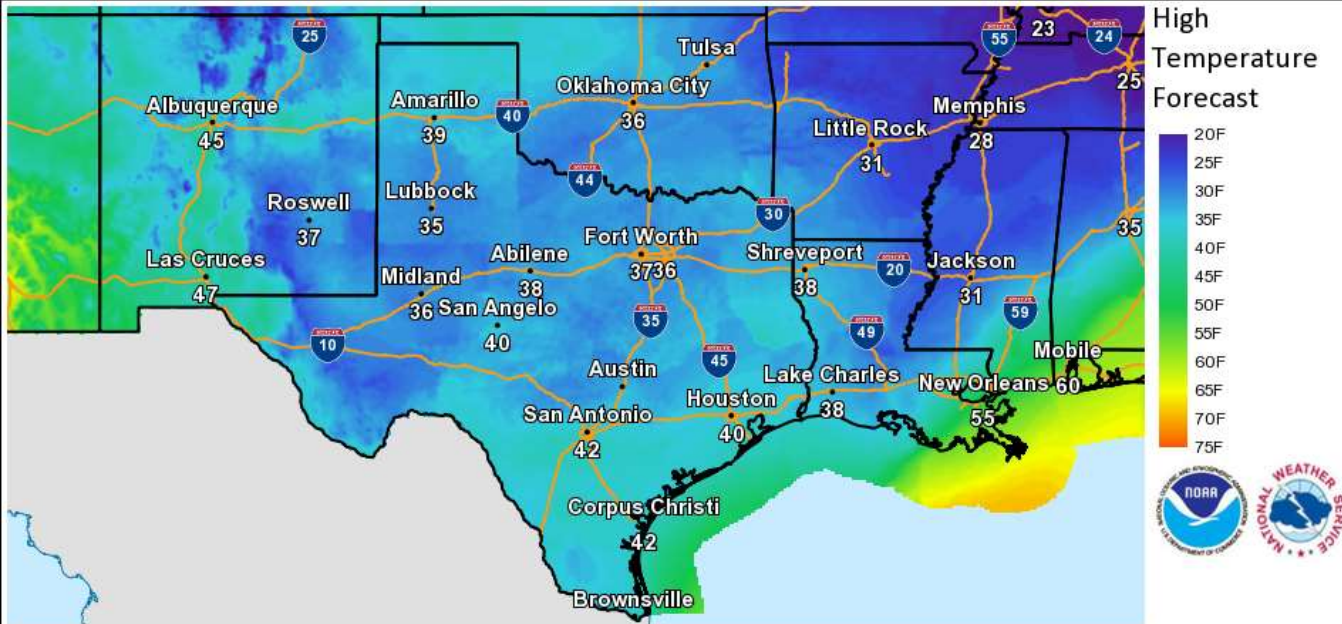
DAY/ THREAT	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN	MON
Severe Storms					
Heavy Rain /Flooding					
Fire					
Cold					
Winter	Lingering Impacts AR, OK, TX North/Central LA	Lingering impacts possible over AR			

	High Threat
	Moderate Threat
	Slight Threat
	No Widespread Threat

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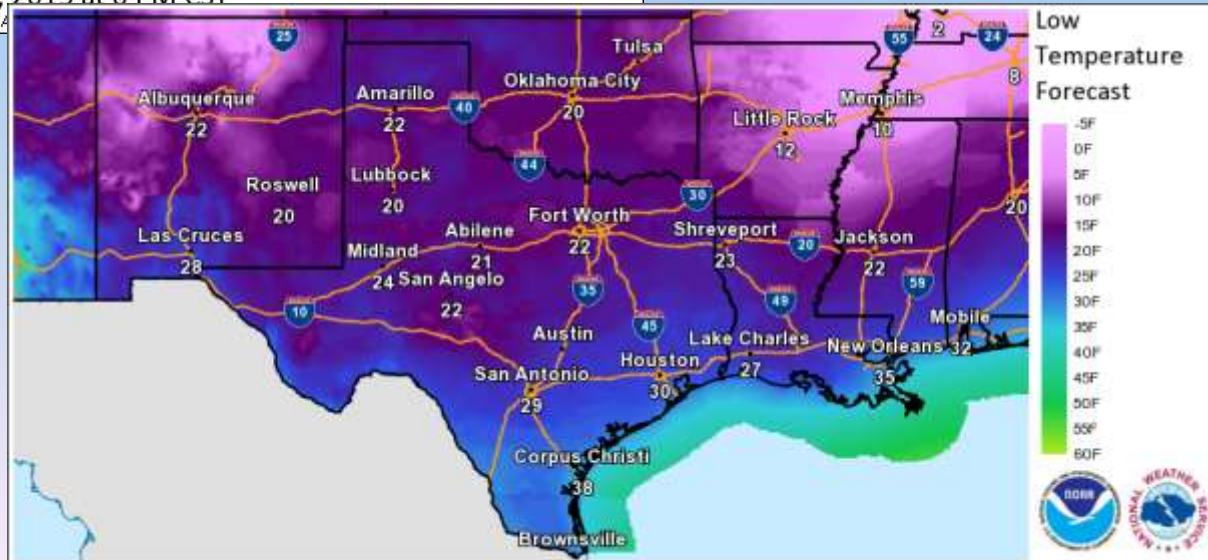
# Today's Highs / Tonight's Lows



Valid ending Thursday March 5th, 2015 at 6 PM CST

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Note: Temperatures don't get above freezing in most areas until around noon



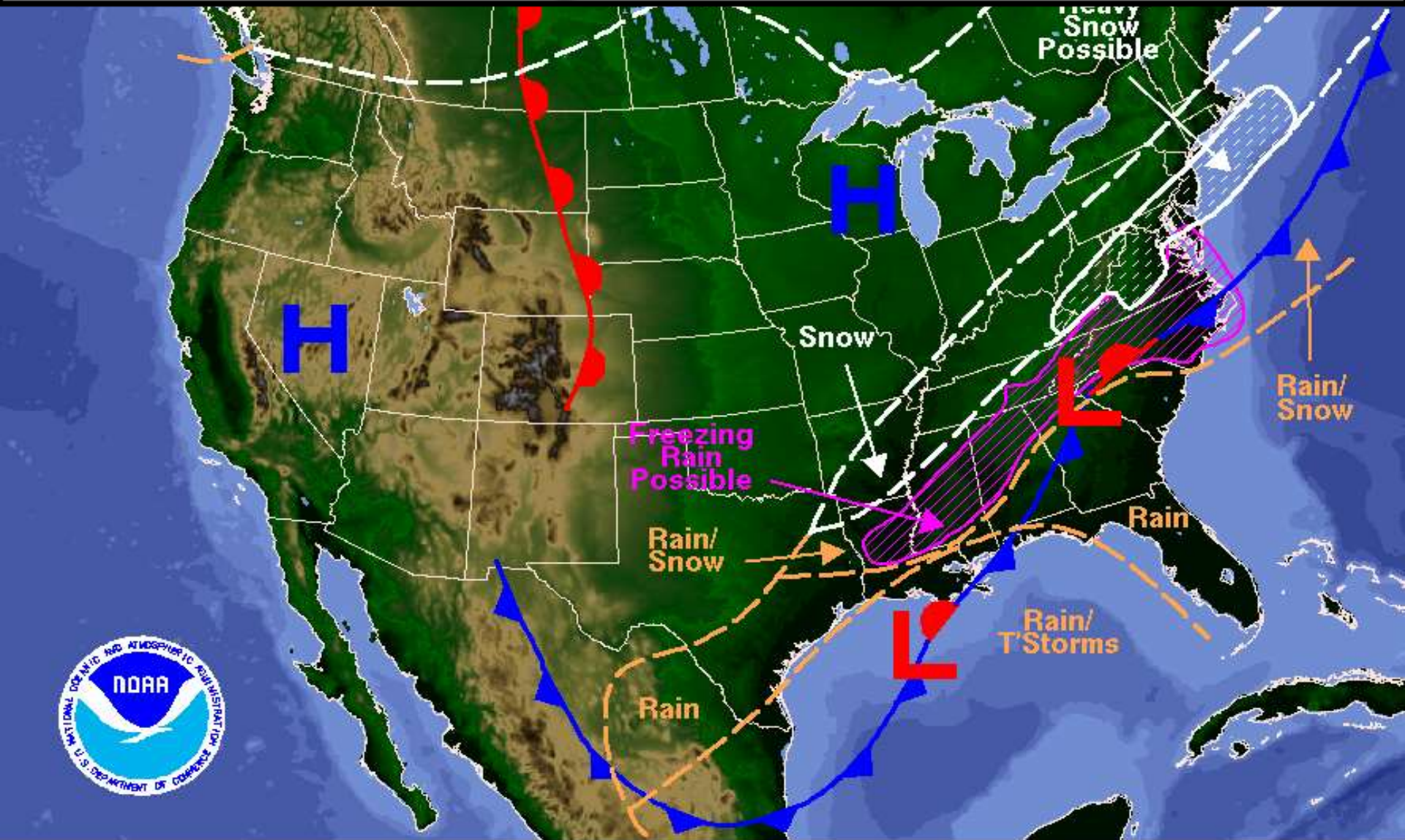
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Note: Refreezing tonight of any residual moisture that doesn't melt today will lead to possible icy roads Friday morning



# Today's Weather

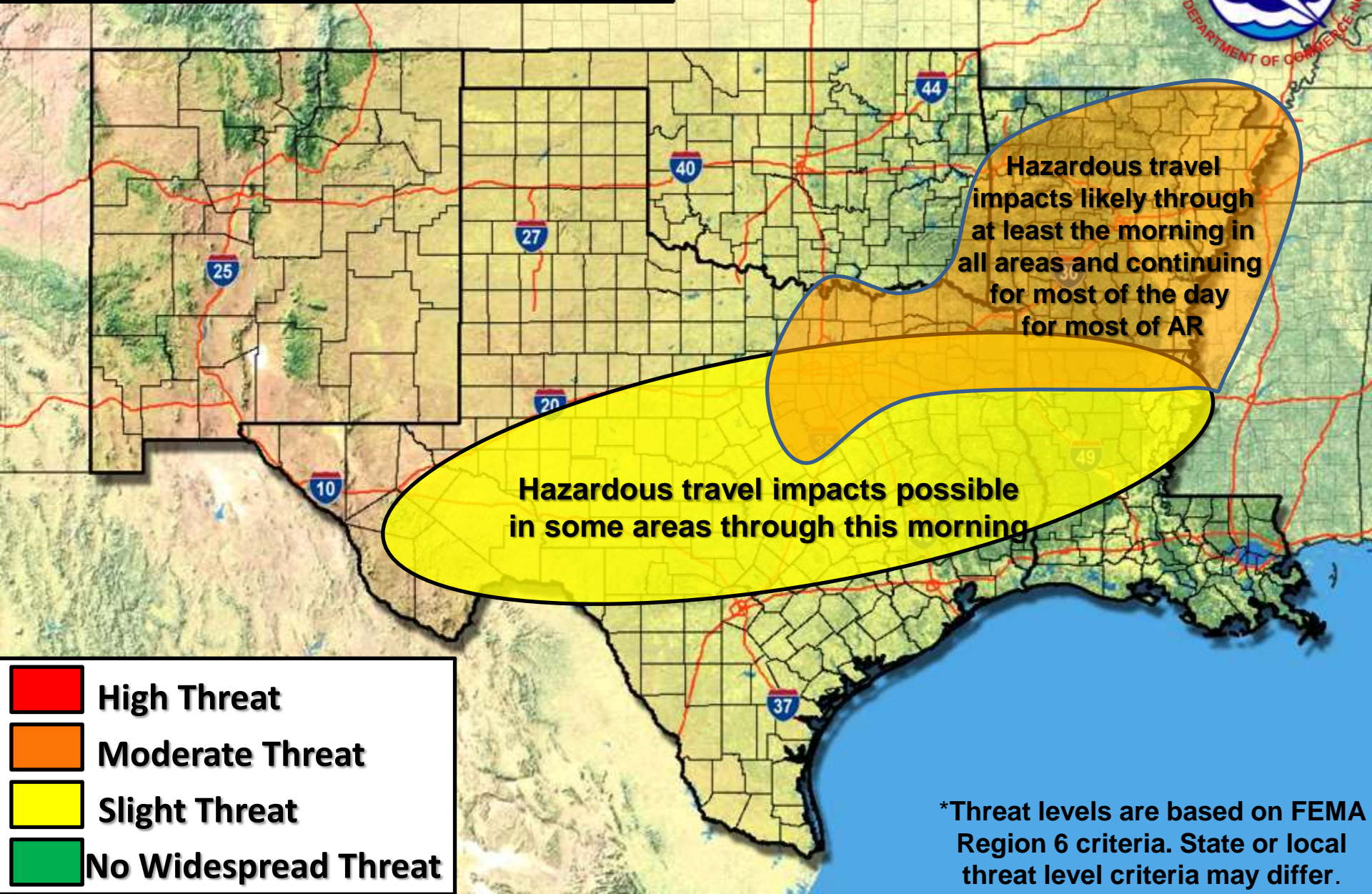


Weather Forecast for Thu, Mar 05, 2015, issued 3:59 AM EST  
DOC/NOAA/NWS/NCEP/Weather Prediction Center  
Prepared by McCreynolds based on WPC, SPC and NHC forecasts



# Day 1 Weather Hazards

*Valid: 0800 Thu - 0800 Fri*



Hazardous travel impacts likely through at least the morning in all areas and continuing for most of the day for most of AR

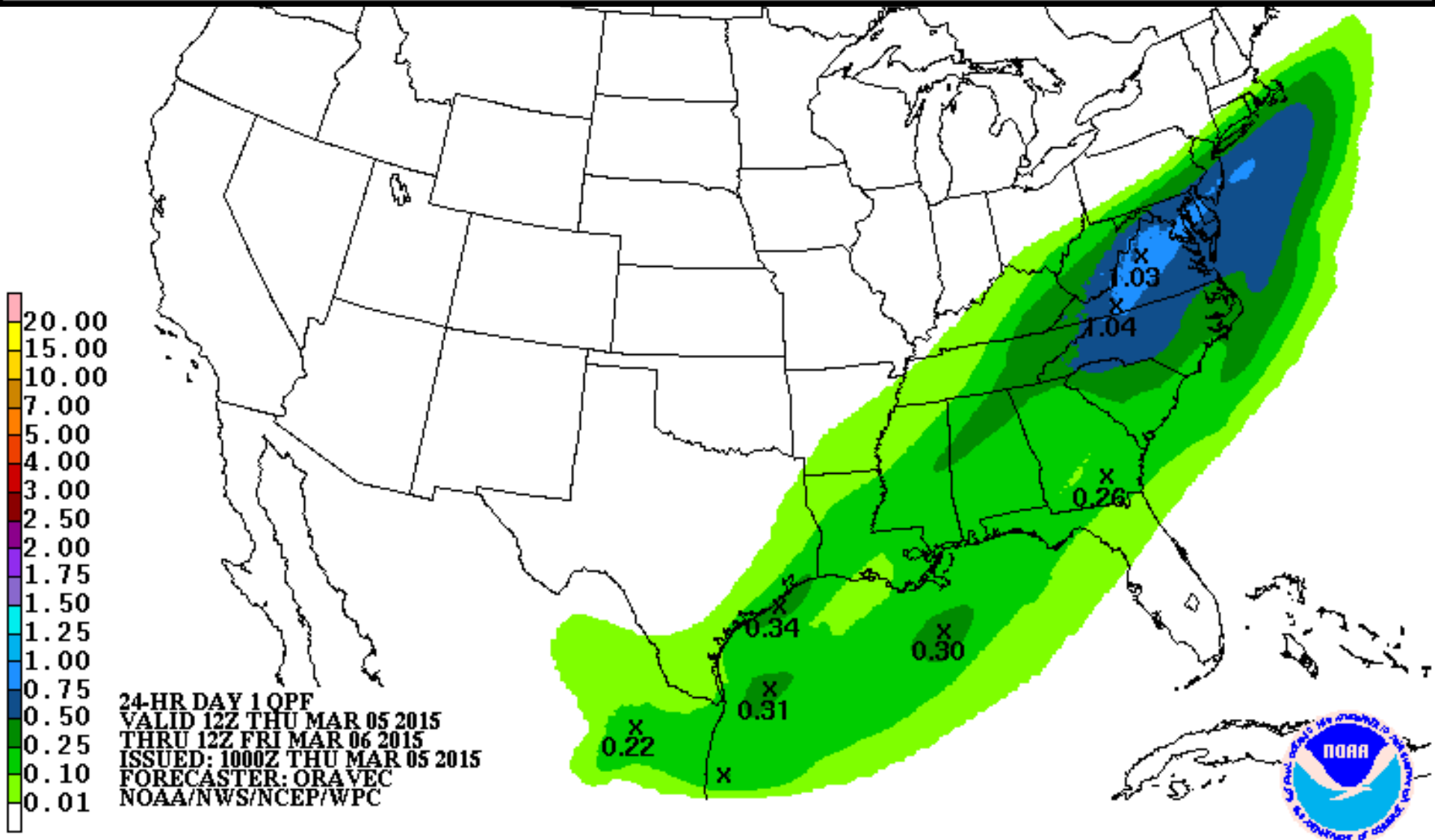
Hazardous travel impacts possible in some areas through this morning



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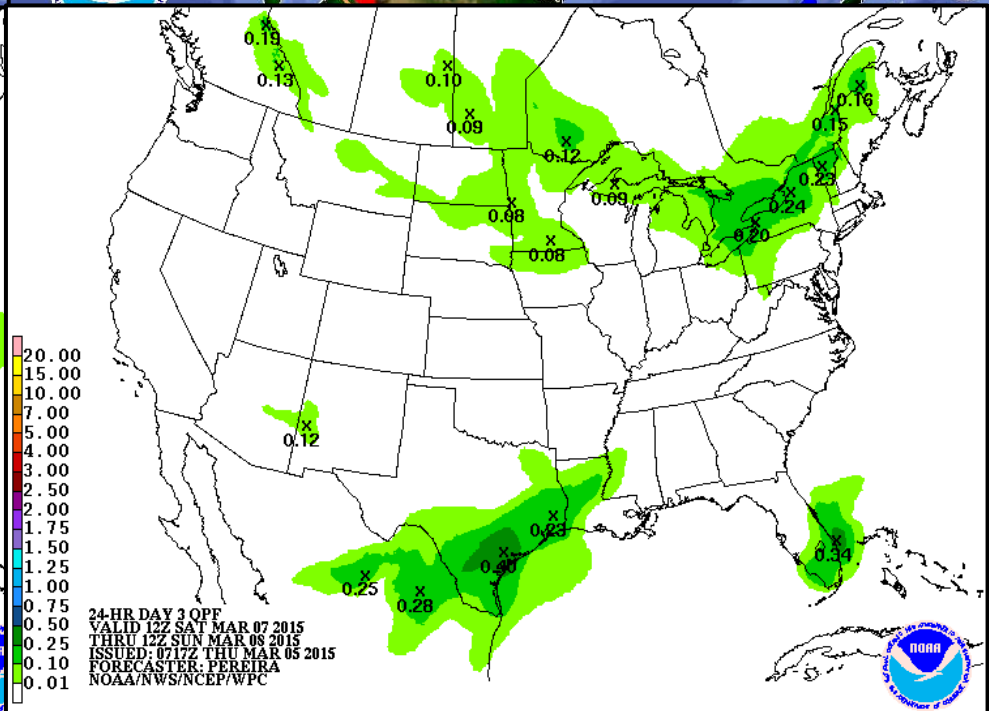
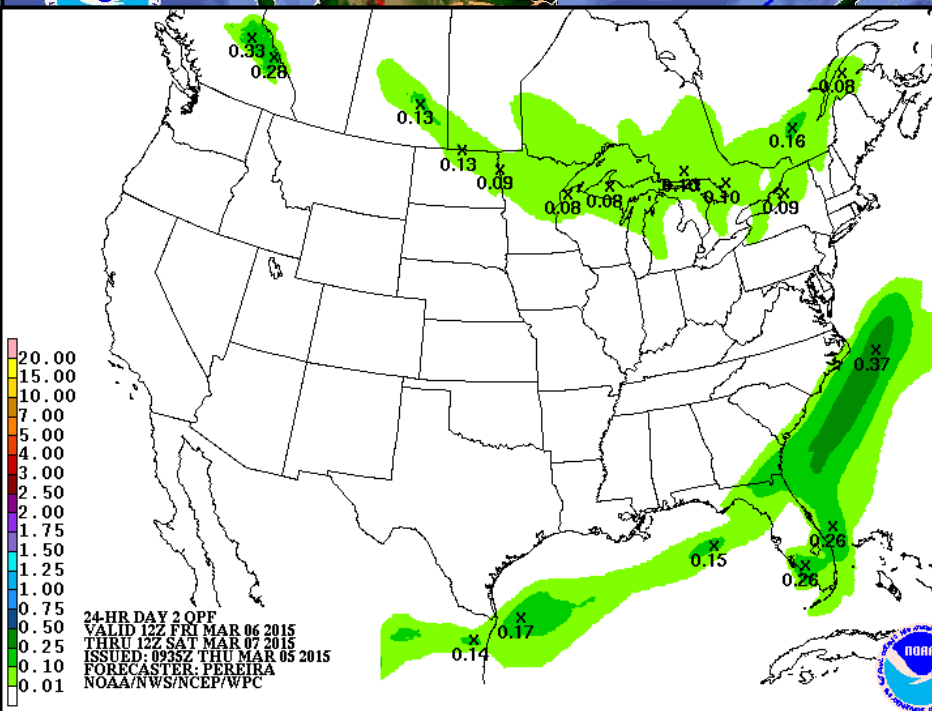
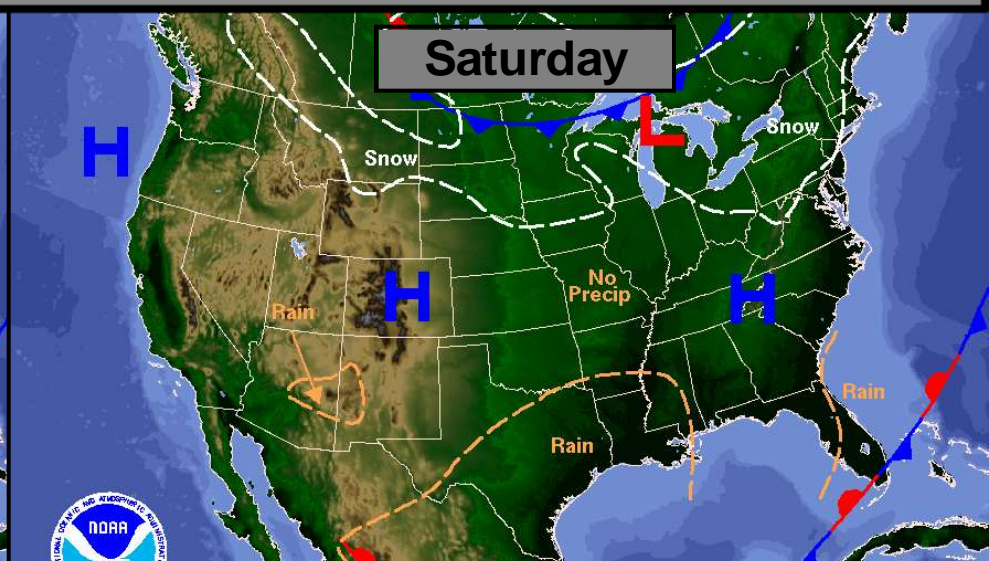
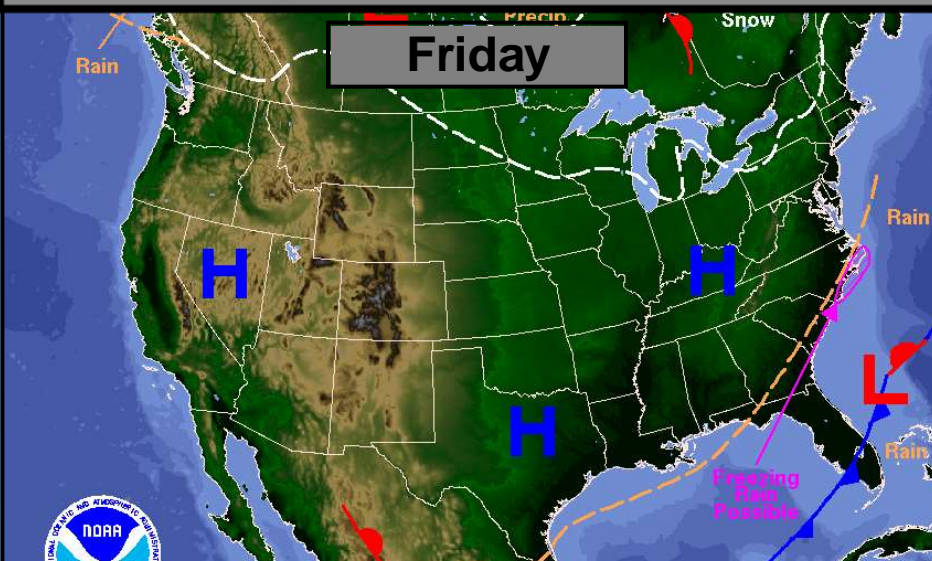
# Today's Precipitation

## Thu AM - Fri AM





# Day 2-3 Weather Maps/Precipitation





# Day 2-3 Weather Hazards

Valid: 0800 Fri - 0800 Sun

Very cold temperatures Friday morning may continue any travel issues created by previous wintry precipitation



No Significant Impacts  
Saturday

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High Threat

Moderate Threat

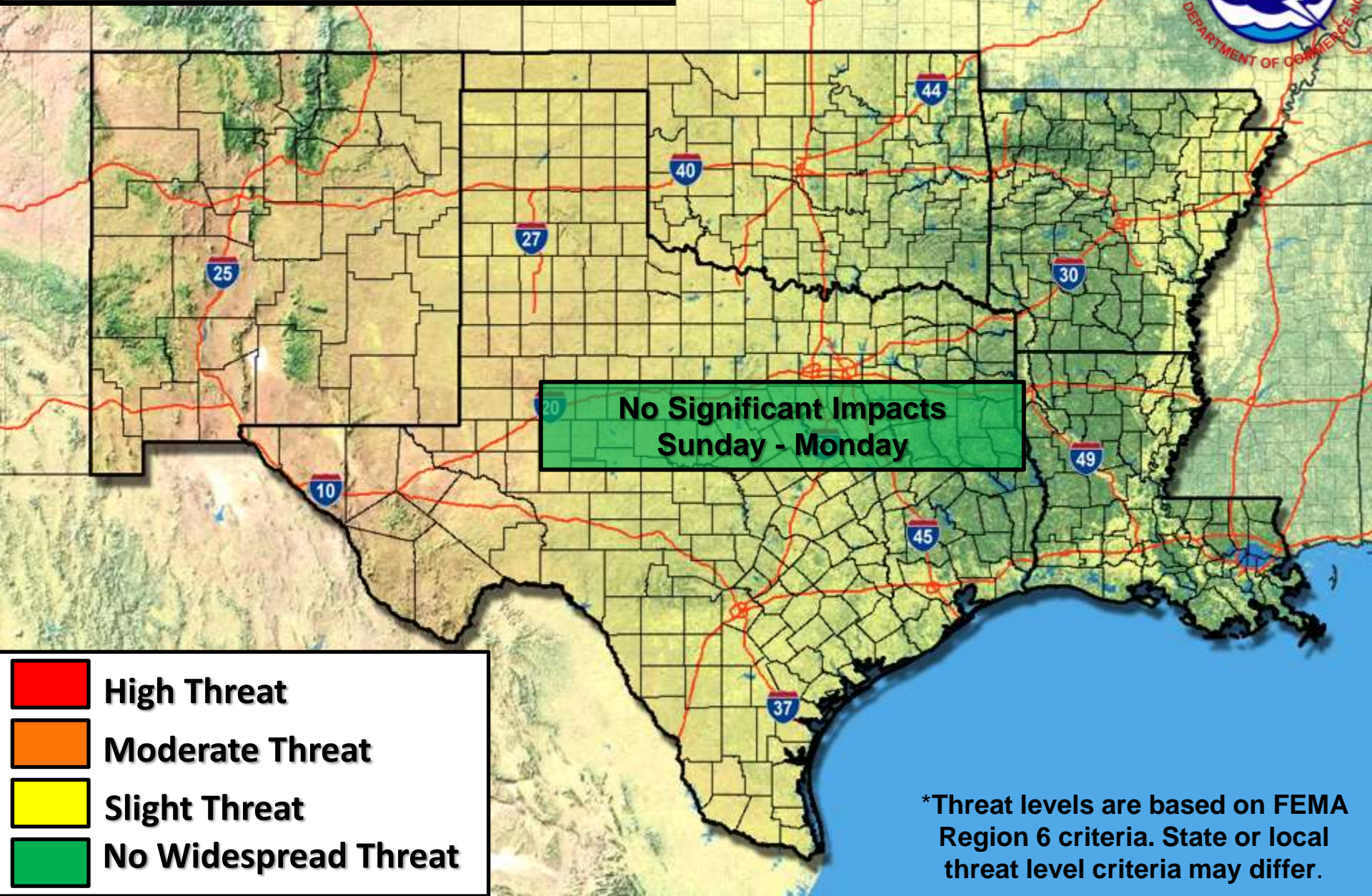
Slight Threat

No Widespread Threat



# Day 4-5 Weather Hazards

Valid: 0800 Sun - 0800 Tue



No Significant Impacts  
Sunday - Monday



High Threat



Moderate Threat



Slight Threat



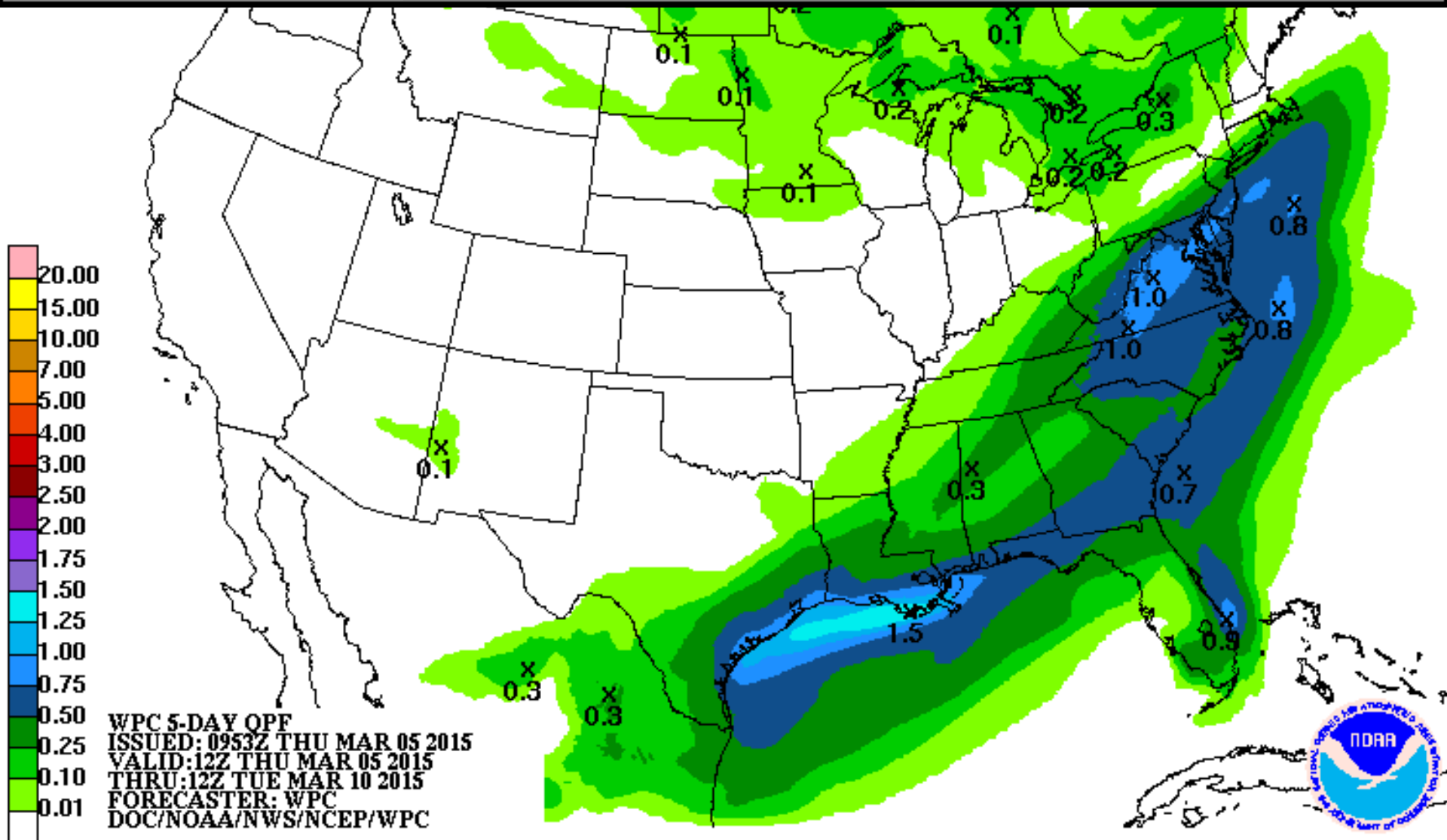
No Widespread Threat

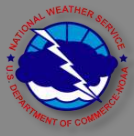
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# 5-Day Precipitation

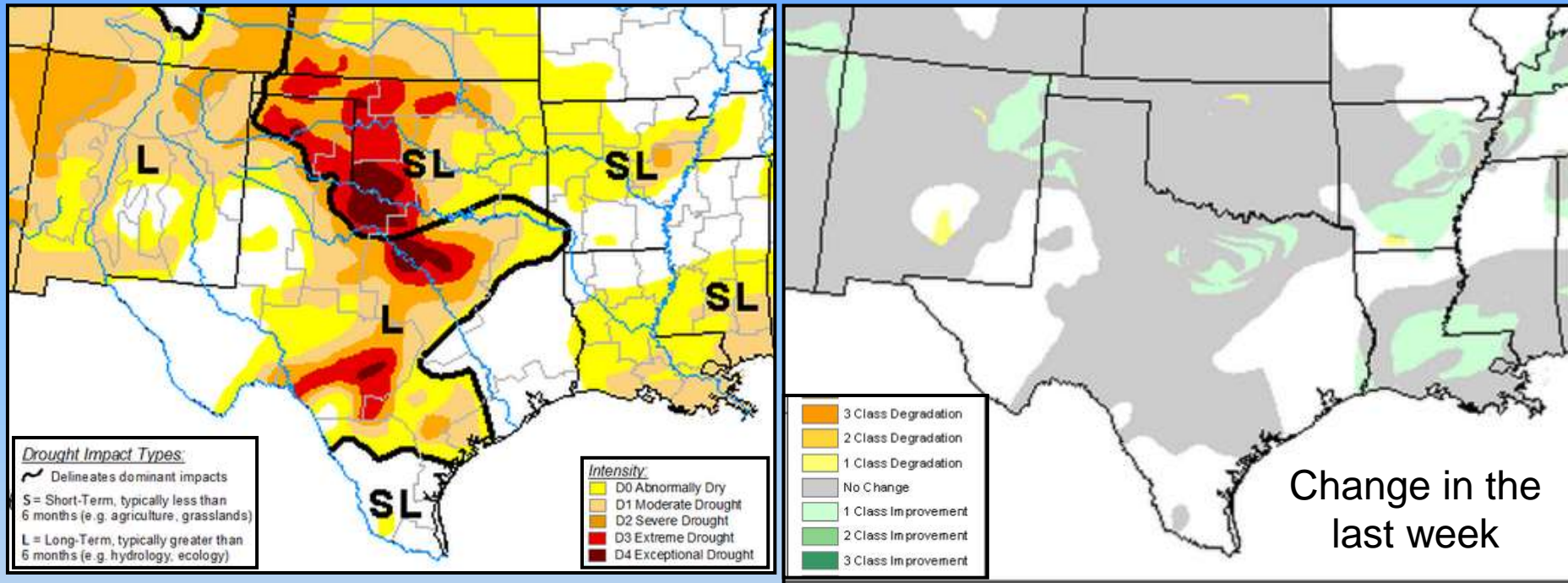
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# Drought Monitor Released March 5, 2015

Drought data valid through 7am ET on Tuesday, March 3, 2015



## Drought Conditions (Percent Area) in D3-D4 (Extreme to Exceptional Drought)

State	Current	Last Week	3 Months Ago	1 Year Ago
Oklahoma	28.29%	27.80%	18.33%	13.07%
Texas	13.29%	14.34%	9.50%	8.52%
New Mexico	0.00%	3.70%	3.70%	23.27%
Arkansas	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
Louisiana	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%



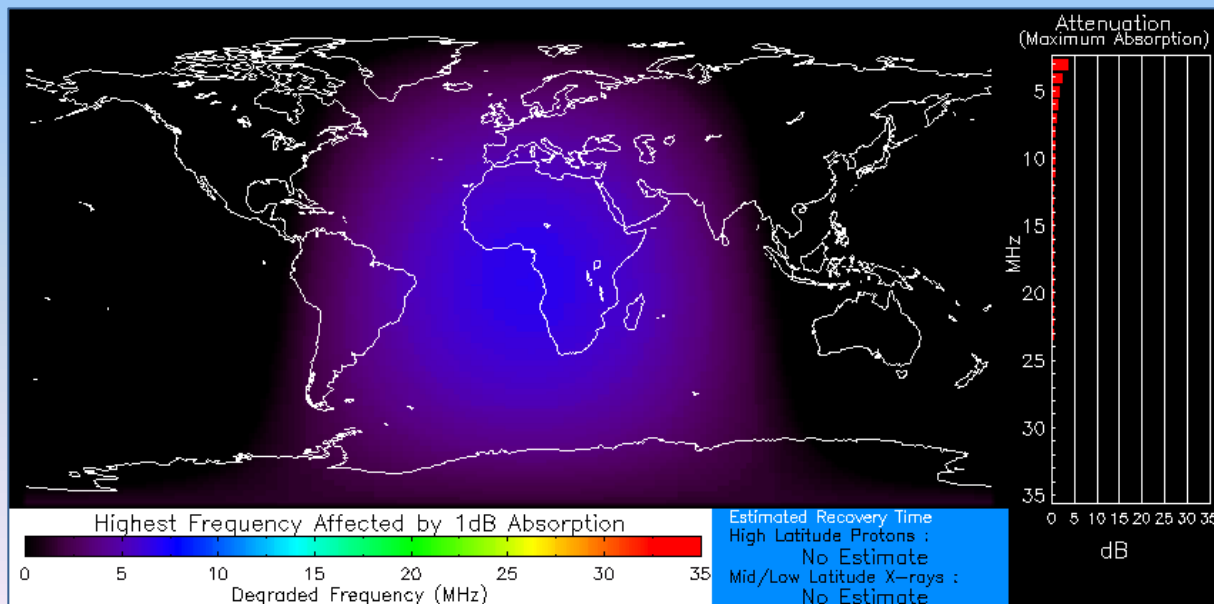
# Space Weather 3-Day Forecast



	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Geomagnetic Storms	Quiet to Unsettled (Max Kp = 3)	Quiet to Unsettled (Max Kp = 3)	Quiet (Max Kp = 2)
Solar Radiation Storm (S1-S5)	1%	1%	1%
Radio Blackout (R1-R2)	10%	5%	1%
Radio Blackout (R3-R5)	1%	1%	1%

[Click here for a Description of the Space Weather Storm Scales](#)

[Click here for the Latest 3-Day Space Weather Forecast Text](#)



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